

**NATIONAL TOWING SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NTSAC)
TASK STATEMENT**

TASK #XX-XX

I. TASK TITLE:

Report On Recommendation to Coast Guard for Rulemaking Improvements to Subchapter M (Short Title: Subchapter M Improvement Recommendations)

II. BACKGROUND:

The towing vessel industry will be 100% in compliance with Subchapter M requirements in July 2022. Over the last four years, the U.S. Coast Guard, Third Party Organizations, and the Towing Industry have learned much about what must be done to bring vessels into compliance. Over this period, there have been lessons learned and areas of improvement to the regulatory scheme identified by these entities.

III. DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this task statement is to capture the lessons learned on maintaining compliance, identify areas for improvement of the towing vessel regulatory scheme and make recommendations for a future regulatory rulemaking.

IV. TASKING:

NTSAC will prepare a final report for the U.S. Coast Guard that provides areas for improvement of Subchapter M and recommendations for future rulemaking efforts.

V. ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETE TASK

NTSAC will provide a Draft Final Report to the Coast Guard at its XXXX meeting.

VII. COAST GUARD TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE:

POC: TBD

VIII. NTSAC CONTACT

TBD

VIII. ENCLOSURES: